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2 meetings to discuss South Mountain Freeway

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Ahwatukee Foothills residents can get the latest scoop on the South Mountain Freeway proposal at two meetings next week.

The Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee plans to talk about the freeway at 6 p.m. Monday at Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.

Tim Tait, an <u>Arizona</u> Department of Transportation spokesman, and members of an ADOT-led freeway study team will share the latest on a draft environmental-impact statement for the eastern section of the proposed freeway.

The statement will examine the freeway's impact on people, water, air quality and other issues, said Tait, who is also a member of the freeway study team.

The South Mountain Citizens Advisory Team, which will recommend whether the freeway be built, will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Hall at South Mountain Community College, 7050 S. 24th St. in Phoenix.

Study-team members will talk about potential hazardous materials that could influence the freeway construction and operation, including underground storage tanks that would need to be removed, Tait said.

In the Ahwatukee area, the freeway would run west from Interstate 10 along the Pecos Road alignment, then turn to the northwest and cut through South Mountain Park before rejoining I-10 in the West Valley.